

THE LAST

## Speech and Confession

OF

NICHOLAS WARREN,

Who was Executed on Friday, October 16th. 1696. For  
Murdering of William Pitman, this being a True COPY  
of the Paper deliver'd by Him at the Place of Execution.

**G**ood People, I am by the just Judgment of God brought  
hither to Suffer, and fearing I may not be heard by  
many, for the sake of those that Survive me, I leave  
this Paper with the S—ffs, to be disposed off according to  
their Discretion for the Publick Good, with this Declaration,  
that what is contained therein, is really true, as the Great God  
is my Witness.

**I** do freely forgive all the World, and particularly those that have rai-  
sed Malicious Scandals and false Aspersions upon me; and among those  
Mr. B—the Master of the Ship, who has, as I have been In-  
formed, reported many Notorious Falsities of me, to the hindering (as I  
have reason to think) some farther intended Mercy to me from Man, but  
as I hope, my Good and Gracious God has forgiven me, a poor Sinful  
Creature, much greater Sins then Man can have Committed against me; so I  
heartily forgive all my Enemies, Persecuters and Slanderers, all that have  
done me any Wrong, and as I heartily ask Forgiveness of all I have Injur'd,  
and I beseech God to forgive all as I do, with Horror and Detestation, and  
great Sorrow of Heart. I Confess that I did shed the Blood of the Man, for  
which great Sin I justly suffer for, but yet I must say, I had no Premedita-  
ted Malice against him; but on the contrary, a kindness for him, but having  
Drank hard, and then Quarrelling, I rashly brought my Self to this End,  
for which, I pray God forgive me.

But what has been Reported, of being a *Buckener*, having treated Men  
Barbarously, and having kill'd other Men besides this, which is utterly false,  
for which I Praise and Glorifie my God, But yet I must Confess, that I have  
been a very grievous Sinner, and should God deal with me accordingly, I  
must Perish Everlastingly. But all Glory be to him, for his Merciful Assistan-  
ces, I am sincerely Sorrowful, and I am truly Penitent for all and every  
Sin that ever I have Committed, against God or Man, and am thereupon  
full of Hopes, that my long Suffering and most Compassionate (though  
much offended) God, has for the sake of my Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ, pardoned all my Sins, for I believe there is Virtue enough in the  
Blood of my Crucified Redeemer, to wash away the foulest stains off of  
my Soul, and that he that has made me Penitent, will save me for His Mer-  
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ey Sake. And that I may do all the good I can to those that Survive me I earnestly beg and intreat you all, both Young and Old, to beware of all and every Sin, and most especially of Idleness, for the Devil then is most Busy, and generally most successful in his Temptations, for want of improving your precious time. For time indeed is precious, though not thought so of by many. People are apt to fall into idle Company, and with the fall to hard Drinking, and Drunkenness is the inlet to all other Sins; thence proceeds Whoredom, Adultery, Debauch Songs and Tales, Lyes, Sabbath-breaking, Cursing, Swearing, Blaspheming, Quarrelling and Murther, and without a true and seasonable Repentance, Damnation will certainly follow, to prevent which, for God's sake, who does not delight in the Death of a Sinner, for Jesus Christ's Sake, that has shed his Precious Blood for Sinners, and for your Mortal Souls Sake, return to your offended God by unfeigned Repentance, Redeem your precious time you have lost, keep Holy the Sabbath-day, read the Holy Scriptures with Care and Diligence, shun Idleness, and Idle Debauch Company, hate Drunkenness, and Abominate Whoredom. Pray for God's Grace and Mercy, at least Morning and Evening, give God the Glory of his Mercy, and do your utmost endeavours to walk before the Lord in Holiness of Life, learn from the Temporal Judgment of God upon me, to beware of Sin, and learn from the Comfortable Experience I have of God's Mercy, not to despair if you run on in Sin, you may not repent, but if you repent now, you will escape Eternal Damnation, as I steadfastly believe through Jesus Christ. I do freely forgive all the World, and all those that I have wronged or abused, if I did know, I would make Restitution if I could, but since I cannot, I hope they all will forgive me, as I hope the Lord will forgive us all; therefore I bid this Sinful World Adieu, wishing that all People would mend their Lives, and turn to the Lord, for fear his Anger should arise. Into the Hands of the Lord I commit my Spirit, beseeching thee O Lord to speak Peace to my Soul, and say, Soul be of good Comfort, thy Sins be forgiven, that likewise O Lord in the Moment of time, say O Lord, come this Day shalt thou be with me in Paradise, and so farewell this Wicked World.

Nicholas Warren.

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**P**Ray my Breshren have a care of Slandering and Back-biting, and raising Lyes, for I have all these raised on me, I may well say, the Mouth of the Wicked, and the Mouths of the Deceitful are open against me with a lying Tongue, they compassed me about also with words of Hatred, but O Lord, I beseech thee, forgive them, for they little think that they must appear before thee O most Righteous Judge, then there will be no false Oaths, nor no Money for Life, but the Book of Conscience will be the Evidence and the Fury, and thee O Lord Jesus Christ will be the Judge of Judges, and all Flesh alive. So farewell False World, for there is no Content in thee Adieu. Ezekiel Chap. 22. Verse 12, 27, Zephaniah Chap. 3. Verse 3. Micah Chap. 3. Verse 9, 10, 11.

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